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CMAP fails to kick out Illiana Expressway

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The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning failed on Wednesday to boot the Illiana Expressway out of its long-range plan, when road opponents could not attain the supermajority vote needed. The vote to exclude the Illiana Expressway project from the GO TO 2040 plan was 10 in favor and 4 opposed, according to CMAP spokesman Tom Garritano. The effort to exclude the toll road failed because a 12-vote super majority was needed. When a second motion was made to adopt the GO TO 2040 plan update, including the Illiana Expressway, it only garnered 4 votes in favor and 10 members were opposed. So that also failed to pass. The Illiana Expressway would run 50 miles from Interstate 65 near Lowell to Interstate 55 near Wilmington, Ill. It has an estimated \$1.5 billion price tag. The votes reflected the board's opposition to the Illiana Expressway, which it also voted against last October when an amendment was proposed adding the toll road to the long-range plan. However, that vote was overruled one week later when the agency's policy committee voted to include the expressway in the long-range plan. The policy committee's vote is the definitive one, enabling the Illinois Department of Transportation to proceed with the road. In a replay of last year the CMAP policy committee will meet Thursday to vote on the update to the GO TO 2040 plan. Under federal regulations, the plan must be updated every four years. The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is starting a similar process, with a final vote on updating its 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan tentatively scheduled for June. NIRPC in December amended its 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan to include the Illiana Expressway, allowing the Indiana Department of Transportation to go ahead with planning for the road. [CMAP fails to kick out Illiana Expressway](#)

Bloomington to Host I-69 Regional Summit

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -- Economic development and transportation experts, government leaders and organizations along the corridor of Interstate 69 will share information on ways this infrastructure can drive economic and development opportunities at a one-day conference scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 in Bloomington, IN. The I-69 Regional Summit: Driving Opportunity, hosted by The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, will convene a wide range of speakers from across the country and Canada to provide a comprehensive overview of this infrastructure project, its magnitude and the boundless economic opportunities every community and state have available because of it. Expected to draw more than 300 people, the I-69 Regional Summit will connect attendees and stakeholders from different sections along the interstate's corridor and encourage discussions about shared goals and future opportunities.

While bringing with it new business, jobs, safer travel and a better quality of life, I-69 bodes well for the businesses and the communities along the infrastructure's corridor. However, the I-69 Regional Summit also hopes to educate attendees on how stakeholders can collaborate during the various planning stages of its construction as this international trade corridor takes shape. [Bloomington to Host I-69 Regional Summit - Newsroom - Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick](#)

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